

GROVE MUNICIPAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SANITARY SEWER BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY

SECTION 1: NEW CONSTRUCTION

All residence or business service lines connected to GMSA sanitary sewer system after the effective date of this policy shall have a sewer clean-out and a backflow prevention device installed. Said device shall be determined by GMSA and shall be of sufficient size and quality to prevent backflow to individual residences or businesses. All backflow prevention devices shall be installed by a licensed plumber at the expense of the property owner and must be inspected by GMSA. The backflow prevention device shall be properly maintained and secured by said property owner.

Upon inspection by GMSA, proof of payment to a licensed plumber for installation of the sewer clean-out and backflow prevention device, and property owner signing a Sewer Inspection Agreement and Waiver, a one-time \$50 utility credit will be applied to the customer's bill.

SECTION 2: EXISTING RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS

Any residence or business existing prior to the effective date of this policy that has experienced a sanitary sewer backflow caused by blockage in the GMSA maintained sewer lines shall have a backflow prevention device installed by a licensed plumber at the property owner's expense within 30 days of the backup. Said device shall be of sufficient size and quality to prevent backflow to individual residences or businesses. The backflow prevention device shall be properly maintained and secured by said property owner.

Upon inspection by GMSA, proof of payment to a licensed plumber for installation of the device, and property owner signing a Sewer Inspection Agreement and Waiver, a one-time \$50 utility credit will be applied to the customer's bill. If a sewer clean-out is not readily available on the service line, the property owner shall be required to install the clean-out, at the property owner's expense, prior to a credit being assessed.

SECTION 3: AREAS WITH HISTORY OF BACKFLOWS.

Any residences or businesses located in an area of the City of Grove that has a history of sanitary sewer backflows, as determined by GMSA caused by blockage in the GMSA maintained sewer lines shall have a backflow prevention device installed by a licensed plumber at the property owner's expense within 30 days of written notice from GMSA. Said device shall be of sufficient size and quality to prevent backflow to individual residences or businesses. The backflow prevention device shall be properly maintained and secured by said property owners.

Upon inspection by GMSA, proof of payment to a licensed plumber for installation of the device, and property owner signing a Sewer Inspection Agreement and Waiver, a one-

time \$50 utility credit will be applied to the customer's bill. If a sewer clean-out is not readily available on the service line, the property owner shall be required to install the clean-out, at the property owner's expense, prior to a credit being assessed.

SECTION 4: VOLUNTARY INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE.

Existing residence or business owners who have not previously experienced a sanitary sewer backflow or are not located in any area that has a history of sanitary sewer overflows may install a backflow prevention device. Said device shall be installed by a licensed plumber and shall be of sufficient size and quality to prevent backflow to individual residences or businesses. The backflow prevention device shall be properly maintained and secured by said property owner.

Upon inspection by GMSA, proof of payment to a licensed plumber for installation of the device, and property owner signing a Sewer Inspection Agreement and Waiver, a one-time \$50 utility credit will be applied to the customer's bill. If a sewer clean-out is not readily available on the service line, the property owner shall be required to install the clean-out, at the property owner's expense, prior to a credit being assessed.

SECTION 5: FAILURE TO COMPLY.

Failure by property owners to comply with this Policy shall:

- a. Result in water and sewer services being withheld; and
- b. Exempt the City of Grove and Grove Municipal Services Authority from all liability in the event of a sanitary sewer overflow.

SECTION 6: EXEMPTIONS.

Any residence or business that has a 'Grinder Pump System' shall be exempt from installing a backflow prevention device.